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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC

Dear General Walters:

I would be greatly honored if you were to autograph the enclosed pictures for me.

You have been an inspiration not only to me, in connection with my official duties with the Agency, but also to my family, particularly my oldest daughter, [redacted]. Your challenging address to the students at the Langley High School graduation ceremony last year is still fresh in the minds of [redacted] and her classmates. She has just finished her freshman year at Temple University with highest honors and is a summer employee with the Agency.

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It was gratifying to hear you reminisce over your distinguished career as a soldier and statesman in the Auditorium last week. May I add that I am very proud to have served under your command during these past several years. They have been the most rewarding of my 30 years with the Agency and its predecessor organization, principally because I felt we maintained our professionalism amid the most difficult pressures in our existence. You, Mr. Colby, and others at the senior level deserve much of the credit for maintaining our institutional stability and successes during this difficult period in the history of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence System.

Many of us feel that we need your wise counsel beyond the time when you are to relinquish your responsibilities to the Agency. I respectfully suggest, therefore, that you consider writing, not just one, but three books:

- a needed addition to the authoritative literature on the role of intelligence in our democratic society.

- a record of your depth of experiences as a military commander and Attaché, especially the sense of history and an appreciation of the cross-cultural awareness so necessary in understanding world affairs today.
- a book which shares your observations and impressions of rail transit systems and their impact on human activities.

Thank you for all you have meant to so many of us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures